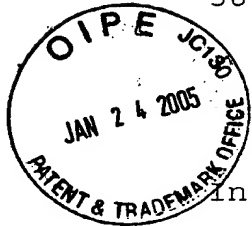


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**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to an Official Action dated August 20, 2004, kindly amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2.

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